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# LAST HIRED, FIRST FIRED

## Some say blacks, Latinos hit harder by recession

**Associated Press**

The ax fell without sound or shadow: Tatiana Gallego was suddenly called into human resources and laid off from her job as an admissions counselor for a fashion college.

"The way people tried to explain it to me was, I was the last one hired so I was the first one out," said Gallego, 25, who had worked there for 17 months.

Last hired, first fired: This generations-old cliche rings bitterly true for millions of Latinos and blacks who are losing jobs at a faster rate than the general population during this punishing recession.

Much of the disparity is due to a concentration of Latinos and blacks in construction, blue-collar or service-industry jobs that have been decimated by the economic meltdown.

And black unemployment has been about double the rate for whites since the government began tracking those categories in the early 1970s.

But this recession is cutting a swath through the professional classes as well, which can be devastating to people who recently arrived there.

Since the recession began in December 2007, Latino unemployment has risen 4.7 percentage points, to 10.9 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Black unemployment has risen 4.5 points, to 13.4 percent. White unemployment has risen 2.9 points, to 7.3 percent.

Gallego, whose parents were born in Colombia, graduated from the University of Rhode Island. She was stunned when she was told to pack up and leave by the end of the day because enrollment was down at her New York City school. She said she had recently received a positive performance review, and her bosses were planning to send her to a conference.

There are no recent government statistics that measure jobs lost by race and income. But academics and others believe that professional Latinos and blacks are more likely to lose their jobs in the recession.



Tatiana Gallego was laid off in December. AP

### TALK BACK

Is the current job market harder on minorities? Why or why not? E-mail [ritaredeye@tribune.com](mailto:ritaredeye@tribune.com) and please include your name, age and neighborhood in case we decide to publish your letter.

"Not saying that it's racism," said Jerry Medley, who has been in the executive search business for 30 years, "but if a manager or a senior executive is looking at a slate of individuals and has to let one of them go, chances are he or she will not let the person go that they spend a lot of time with at the country club or similar places."

Philip Salter was creative director for a Chicago advertising firm where about 75 percent of the revenue came from a contract with a Fortune 500 company to create ads targeted at minorities. When the firm lost that contract plus two general-market accounts, Salter's job evaporated.

"When companies cut back their ad dollars, minority budgets are where they start," said Salter, 62, who is black. "Unfortunately in this business, most clients just view [minority advertising] as an overlay or meeting an obligation that social organizations might place on them."

## Obama: We're making strides

President Obama claimed early progress Tuesday night in his aggressive campaign to lead the nation out of economic chaos and declared that despite obstacles ahead, "we're moving in the right direction."

At the second prime-time news conference of his presidency, Obama also toned down his criticism of bonuses to executives at bailed-out AIG, and shot back at Republican critics of his budget.

In office for 64 tumultuous days, Obama cast his budget—now under review in Congress—as essential if the economy is to recover.

Flexible on some points, Obama was unyielding on others. Pressed on why he seemed to delay before condemning the AIG bonuses, Obama said, "It took us a couple of days because I like to know what I'm talking about before I speak."

## TOTALLY RANDOM NEWS

**Did you ever know that you're my hero?**

**DENVER** A parrot whose cries of alarm alerted his owner when a little girl choked on her breakfast has been honored as a hero.



**Willie**

Willie, a Quaker parrot, has been given the local Red Cross chapter's Animal Lifesaver Award.

In November, Willie's owner, Megan Howard, was baby-sitting for a toddler. Howard left the room and the little girl, Hannah, started to choke on her breakfast.

Willie repeatedly yelled "Mama, baby" and flapped his wings, and Howard returned in time to find the girl already turning blue. Howard saved Hannah by performing the Heimlich maneuver but said Willie "is the real hero."

### Stuck with you

**FAIRFIELD, Conn.** Police in Connecticut say a woman attempting to reconcile with her husband handcuffed herself to him as he slept and then bit him on his torso and arms.

Police say 37-year-old Helen Sun told them she wanted to have a conversation with husband Robert Drawbough without him leaving. Police say she changed the locks on their bedroom and handcuffed herself to Drawbough while he was sleeping Monday.

Drawbough used a cell phone to call police. Officers heard his screams when they arrived at the couple's Fairfield home. He was treated at a hospital.

### Pain in the seat

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** An Ohio legislative panel has rejected Miami University's plan to spend \$167,000 on office chairs after learning officials picked the priciest ones available. The 33 Aeron-brand chairs cost \$522 each.

A spokeswoman for the Oxford school didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Jay Hottinger, a Republican from Newark, was one of the lawmakers who opposed Miami's request. He reminded his colleagues on the panel that they were sitting in \$2,000 leather chairs.



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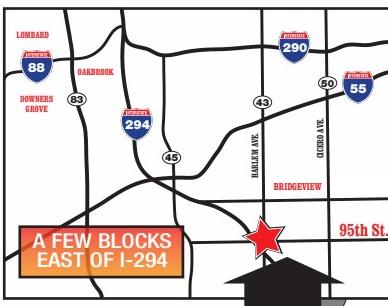
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I have been a longtime opponent of bachelorette parties in Boystown. I've had many bar experiences where an obnoxious, drunken gaggle of bachelorettes storm in and try to take over the place—often wearing penis-shaped antennae and waving their scavenger hunt list, a list that usually includes, "Make out with a gay guy." It's as if they think we are here for their amusement.

Think again.

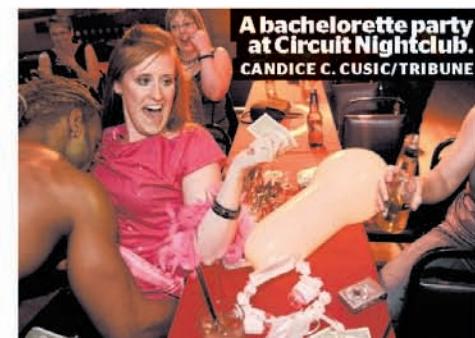
I understand that these gatherings are meant for the women to have fun, and that they choose Boystown because they won't be harassed by straight guys. But they are harassing us. In this current political climate, where gay men and women don't have the same rights as straight men and women, it's insensitive to stomp around Boystown and flaunt the fact that you can get married when we can't.

Ladies, I am not suggesting you stay out of the gay bars altogether, but now is not the time to throw your "Final Fling Before the Ring!" T-shirt/tiara in our faces.

Maybe I'm not militant enough of a gay man. I couldn't care less if a group of women had a bachelorette party at a gay bar I frequent—especially if they are able to find me a boyfriend.

Despite having no prospects myself, I do support gay marriage. However, I don't feel that screaming straight women choosing to celebrate with the gays is insensitive to our fight for the right to marry. It's kind of a compliment, really, that they choose to celebrate with us. For all we know, they're showing support by choosing to spend time at a gay bar.

My suggestion to anyone who feels offended is to walk up to the bride-to-be and ask what she thinks about gay marriage. If she says she supports a ban like California's Proposition 8, "accidentally" spill your drink on her. Snap! You supported your cause and caused some drama while you were at it.



A bachelorette party at Circuit Nightclub.  
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# WHO YOU CALLING UNMANLY?

**SNACK-MAKER RANKS CHICAGO AS ONE OF THE WUSSIEST CITIES IN THE U.S.—EXCUSE US?**

By Tracy Swartz

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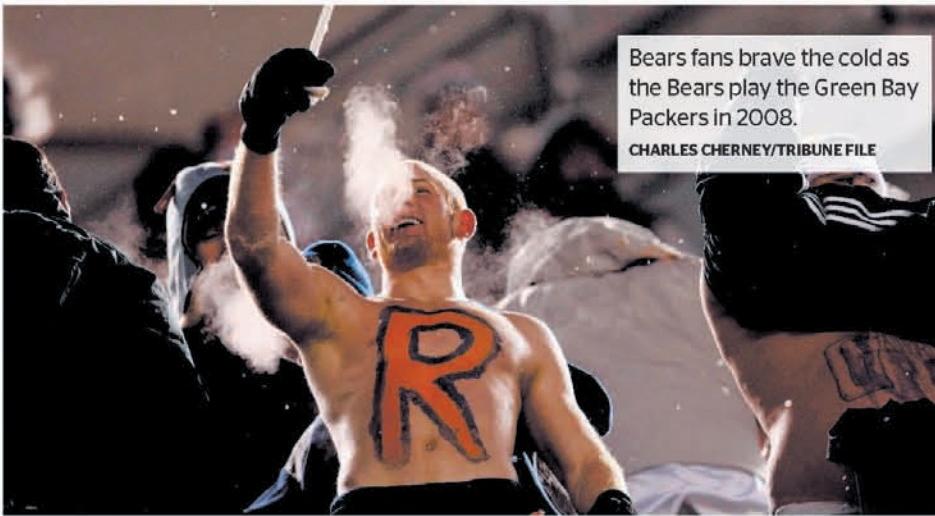
Remember the days when "Saturday Night Live" parodied Chicagoans as beer-chugging, sausage-eating, sports-obsessed schlubs?

Or when Chicago served as a backdrop for macho movies like "Backdraft," "The Fugitive" and "The Negotiator?"

Chicago's tough-guy persona took a beating this month when Combos, the snack food shaped like a fire log, rated the City of Big Shoulders the 46th manliest out of 50 U.S. cities based on factors such as number of NASCAR enthusiasts, barbecue restaurants, monster truck rallies and sports bars.

Chicago's manhood managed to best only Portland, San Francisco, L.A. and New York, while Nashville was crowned the champion.

When asked by RedEye, some Chicagoans rejected the notion that our city is more metrosexual than metropolitan, despite the prevalence of men's salons, hybrid cars and "Brotox" (male Botox) options. They insist real Chicago males still are passionate about sitting in cold, hard seats to root for the Bears,



Bears fans brave the cold as the Bears play the Green Bay Packers in 2008.

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slamming beers until they slur their words and growing shaggy facial hair until they are unrecognizable.

Others, though, accused some Chicago males of pretending to be manly. They point to Chicago guys who wear faux leather vests, play fantasy sports instead of actual sports

and drink lattes.

"In Chicago, it seems like people try a little too hard," said Fred DeLeon, 37, who grew up on the Northwest Side and now lives in Buffalo Grove. "If you're at Wrigley ... you're manly. If you're across the street watching and they're serving you wine and you're high-

fiving, that's not manly."

But how do you measure manliness? After all, a love for greasy ribs, flannel shirts and other macho things don't necessarily make a man ... a man. RedEye turned to Michael Manly, 38, who joked that his friends occasionally come to him for "manly" advice.

Manly, who works in the Loop, said Combos was wrong to take into account NASCAR and monster truck rallies.

"I think that's more redneck than manly. Focusing on that is weighted toward the Southern cities, and I don't necessarily think they're more manly," said Manly, a Naperville resident. "I think of a gritty, tough city as a manly city. Chicago is that by definition."

With an NFL team (once helmed by the He-Man of them all, Mike Ditka), two Major League Baseball teams, one NBA team and one NHL team, surely Chicago is brimming with masculinity in the arena of sports.

Yet our city got low marks from the Combos people on the popularity of hunting. Indeed, about 4,300 Chicagoans last year held hunting licenses, comprising only

## A man's measure

Is Chicago a city of boys or men? RedEye created this Man-o-Meter to find out. The perfect score on this scale, of course, is the manliest Chicagoan of them all, Da Coach himself, Mike Ditka.

TRACY SWARTZ

**4** Ditka would be proud

**-1** That's weak sauce, bro

**3** Like a breakfast of rusty nails

**-2** Paul Bunyan is rolling in his grave

**2** Clint Eastwood and Chuck Norris' love child

**-3** Is this a scene from "Sex and the City"?  
**-4** Turn in your man card ... NOW!

**1** Good enough for Spike TV

**4**

### Standing tall

At 110 stories, the Sears Tower is the tallest building in the nation. But the new name Willis could lessen the tower's power.

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**-4**



### Put out da cigar

Sorry, Ditka, but smoking is now prohibited in most indoor places in Chicago under the statewide smoking ban that took effect last year. Tobacco retail stores that were in operation prior to 2008 and derive 80 percent of their gross revenue from the sale of tobacco and smoking accessories may permit smoking if they don't serve food or liquor. There are 3,440 retail tobacco establishments in the city, down from 3,917 in 2007, according to the Department of Business Affairs and Licensing.

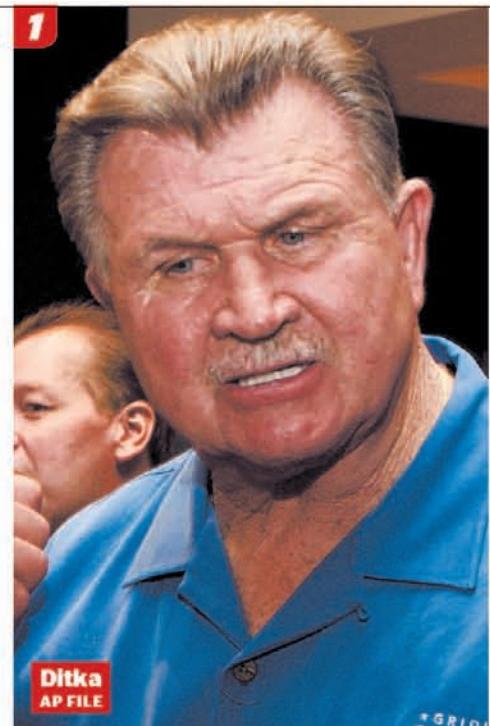
### Not a man-plastic voyage

Men who love a little nip/tuck have fewer options in Chicago than other major cities. There are only 49 members of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons in Chicago compared with 55 in Miami and 182 in New York.



### Pig-style

Chicagoan Patrick Bertoletti, 23, holds the International Federation of Competitive Eating records for hands-free blueberry pie (9.17 pounds in eight minutes), Chicago Chocolate Hearts (1 pound, 15.5 ounces in seven minutes), corned beef and cabbage (10.63 pounds in 10 minutes), and grits (21 pounds in 10 minutes), among other records, according to the federation's Web site.

Ditka  
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## Who's the manliest of them all?

Combos may rank us near the bottom of manly cities but perhaps they forgot these prime examples of Chicago's macho celebs. Who do you think is the manliest? Text "manly" and the number of your answer to **87708**. You'll get the poll results instantly.

1) Mike Ditka

2) President Obama

3) Vince Vaughn

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1.5 percent of the Illinois population with hunting licenses, according to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

And if you want NASCAR action, prepare to head about an hour south of the Loop to the Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet.

Although there are a few boxing gyms around the city, the two private gym chains with the most locations in Chicago are Curves and Bally's Total Fitness.

But don't sweat, Chicago. The pride of the city, newly installed President Obama, is the embodiment of what it means to be a man, right?

Maybe not. In a skit that aired this month

on "SNL"—which popularized the view of Chicago males as drunk sports hogs in its '90s "Chicago Superfans" skits—comedian Fred Armisen portrays Obama's character as demure. After Obama is goaded into getting mad, guest host Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson turns mild-mannered Obama into the Hulk, also known as "The Rock" Obama.

Another politico that may have harmed the machismo perception of Chicago: Former Gov. Rod Blagojevich, depicted on "SNL" showing a deep interest in his hair and his appearance.

"That hair helmet of his, that's not manly at all," Fernando Flores of Hermosa said about the ex-governor. Flores, 28, also chided Chicago men who get plastic surgery to

improve their appearance. "You can't be manly when you look like Angelina Jolie or the Octo-Mom."

And yet, male non-invasive plastic surgery procedures seem to be on the rise. Nationally, Botox was the top male non-surgical cosmetic procedure in 2008, according to the American Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery. In Chicago, one Lakeview clinic has seen the Botox market grow, while other cosmetic procedures, such as facials and weight loss products, have declined because of the economy.

"About half of our clients are for male Botox," said Frank Moore, office manager of the HD MedSpa and Clinic. "They know when they go on a job interview, they want

to look their best. They're willing to spend money on self-care to gain an advantage on employment."

Men's salons are also on the rise. Salon mogul John Allan, who scoffed at the notion Chicago isn't manly, recently opened one of his male grooming "clubs" in the Loop. Men can get their scalp massaged, shampooed and conditioned and their nails manicured. But instead of Cosmo magazine, a salon mainstay, Allan's salon offers billiards and TVs that show "SportsCenter."

No matter how popular these salons are among men, you probably won't find self-proclaimed manly man Alan Wieckert getting his nails done—because "I work with my hands" at a warehouse job.

Wieckert, of Edison Park, said Chicago is a macho, blue-collar city that has been emasculated by "the latte-drinking, Range-Rover-driving people there on the near South Side."

"They hog up the road, they're on their cell phone. They think they own everything, and on top of it, they have bags and bags of stuff they were shopping [for] at Macy's or Nordstrom," said Wieckert, 34. "I think they need to know where their man card is."

But don't fret, fellas. If you're a guy who prefers coffee shops and classy restaurants to gyms, Hooters, sporting events or strip clubs, Alicia Mitchell of Rogers Park might be your kind of gal.

Mitchell, 23, said she prefers guys who don't fit the "stud" stereotype.

"Manly guys, I just don't understand," said Mitchell, who doesn't eat meat. "That's not what I want at all. That's too guy-like, almost dog-like."

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### Sports Center

In October, Sporting News ranked Chicago-Evanston the ninth best sports city in the country. The annual rankings are based on the city's number of teams and their won-lost records, postseason appearances and fan attendance.



### Fishing for manly men

Only 40,580 Chicagoans held an Illinois fishing license last year, comprising about 6 percent of Illinoisans who held a fishing license.



### Chai-town

Chicago has 114 Starbucks, also known as the mecca for frou-frou drinks such as Java Chip Frappuccinos and Iced Apple Chai Infusion. In comparison, San Francisco has 70 Starbucks locations and New York has 192 outposts, according to a Starbucks spokesman.

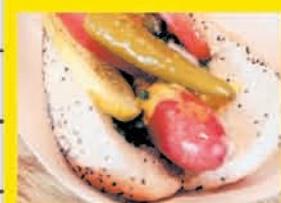
### Hummer bummer

If manliness is measured by the size of a man's car, then Chicago is out of luck. There are no Hummer dealers located within city limits, according to Hummer's Web site. The closest dealers are in Tinley Park and Schaumburg. Chicago is in fact No. 5 in the country for hybrid car sales, according to [hybridcars.com](#). As of the end of last year, there were 10,282 hybrid car vehicle registrations in Chicago.



### Top dog

About 100 million Vienna Beef hot dogs are produced and sold each year in Chicago, Vienna Beef spokeswoman Susan Stoga said. According to the Hot Dog Council, travelers at O'Hare consume six times more hot dogs than Los Angeles International Airport and New York's LaGuardia Airport combined.



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# PUPPIES RESCUED

**Raid in West Englewood finds up to 70 dogs living in filthy conditions, 'chaos'**

## Chicago Tribune

Some 70 puppies were found Tuesday living in filthy, stacked bird cages in West Englewood, officials said.

"There are dogs running all over the place," said Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart, who held an afternoon news conference outside the small home while holding a pair of shivering Chihuahua puppies in his hands. "I couldn't believe it: the chaos, the noise, the smell."

Dart said the puppies were being sold for \$475 apiece.

Dart and a handful of other officials carried the tiny animals out in cages. In the case of a mother Chihuahua and her six suckling puppies, the mode of transport was a laundry basket.

The dogs—mainly Chihuahuas, but a Yorkshire terrier, several Pomeranians and a pregnant Pug mix also were spotted—yelped during the procession but did not seem underfed or ill.

Cited in Tuesday's raid was Demetria Newell, 38, of 6440 S. Bell Ave., who was charged with 67 counts of animal cruelty, a misdemeanor. She was not arrested, said Cook County Sheriff's Office spokesman Steve Patterson.

Another resident, David Hayes, 37, was charged with felony possession of marijuana. Dart pointed to a bulging Ziploc storage bag of what appeared to be marijuana during the news



## NEXT STEPS

Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart said the animals would be checked out by a veterinarian at Chicago Animal Care and Control at 2741 S. Western Ave. and would likely be available for adoption within days. For information, call Animal Control at 312-747-1406.

« As many as 70 dogs were rescued from the suspected puppy mill on the South Side.

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conference. He said a snake, a 9mm semiautomatic weapon, antibiotics and used syringes also were recovered from inside the home.

Officials said they were acting on a tip, which included a report that the bodies of deceased dogs were discarded, unwrapped, in a city garbage container.

Several neighbors expressed outrage after

hearing about the dogs' conditions. Vicky Green, who lives two homes away from the alleged mill, said she thought the owners were running a legitimate animal grooming and boarding business.

Chicago police officers and agents from the U.S. Department of Agriculture also took part in the raid.

## Daley apology

Repeatedly declining to answer questions from reporters, Mayor Daley on Tuesday read a statement expressing regret for the hiring fraud scandal in his administration. A day after a federal jury convicted his former Streets and Sanitation commissioner, Al Sanchez, the mayor said: "I want to say to the people of Chicago that I understand this is a disappointment." Daley said he knew the conviction does not reflect well on the city or his administration. "For that, I am sorry," Daley said.

## Blago on the air

Former Gov. Rod Blagojevich has a new gig—as a Chicago radio host. WLS-AM program director Bob Shomper says Blagojevich will be on the air from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Wednesday, taking calls from listeners, telling stories and talking with guests. Shomper says it's a one-time deal in the slot normally filled by the "Don Wade & Roma Morning Show." The regular hosts are off this week.

## Robbery arrests

A 22-year-old South Side man and a juvenile have been charged in a series of armed robberies on the CTA in January, police said Tuesday. Terrell Gathers and the juvenile would approach people either on a train or while they were waiting on the platform, display a weapon and demand property. The victims were not injured and the robbers fled, police said.

## DIGIT

# 1,000

Approximate number of people who lined up Tuesday for a job fair for the Wit Hotel. The new hotel, at State Street and Wacker Drive and expected to open in late May, is hiring for about 300 positions.

# Little taste of big Olympic presentation

## Associated Press

Organizers of Chicago's bid for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games lifted the curtain a bit Tuesday on what they'll show members of the International Olympic Committee when they come next month to put the city through a white-glove inspection.

For about two hours, organizers told members of the media about the planned venue tour and the briefings they'll hold for the committee charged with selecting a host city for the Games.

Planners played things pretty close to the vest—not, for example, disclosing where the city will hold the big cultural event that each city is allowed.

"We're the first city giving our presentation," said spokesman Patrick Sandusky, referring to upcoming IOC tours of Tokyo, Madrid and Rio de Janeiro. "We're not going to give too much away."

But they gave the media a glimpse of some things they hope will impress the committee.

They played a short film that takes viewers

on an aerial tour of the city in which venues such as the Olympic stadium and the tennis center in Lincoln Park that don't yet exist magically materialize.

Organizers took reporters to Soldier Field, which would be a soccer venue. Just south of the stadium, IOC members will not only be able to see McCormick Place, the site of several events, but also the spot where the Olympic Village would be built. The visit will take place in early April, with IOC members taking the venue tour on April 6.

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### Soldier standoff

**1** Police take Ft. Bragg soldier Spec. Jason Johnson, of Savannah, Ga., into custody Tuesday after a standoff with police in Fayetteville, N.C. It wasn't clear what led to the standoff, which lasted several hours. AP

### Spring blizzard

**2** Wind-blown snow whipped across the northern Plains on Tuesday, closing major highways, as a powerful storm stalled over western Nebraska and South Dakota. Nearly 2 feet of snow had piled up in South Dakota's Black Hills.

### Boy, 11, faces trial

**3** A judge in New Castle, Pa., has ordered an 11-year-old boy to stand trial in the shooting death of his father's pregnant fiance. Authorities believe the killing was premeditated. The boy's attorney has so far unsuccessfully argued to have the case moved to juvenile court.

### Helping Mexico

**4** The U.S. is sending more money, technology and manpower to help Mexico fight drug cartels and keep violence from spilling across the southwestern border, Obama administration officials said Tuesday.

### Transit shooting

**5** A mechanic at a bus depot in downtown San Diego shot a co-worker to death and critically injured another early Tuesday before being killed by police, authorities said.

### Dragons kill man

**6** Two Komodo dragons mauled a fruit-picker to death in eastern Indonesia, police and witnesses said Tuesday, the latest in a string of attacks on humans by the world's largest lizard species. The 31-year-old man was attacked on the island of Komodo.



# Hungry? Try an auction

**7** DALLAS, Pa. Out of toilet paper? Need to pick up a few things for dinner? Take a number and start bidding.

Many bargain hunters these days are trading supermarket aisles for the auction circuit in search of deep discounts on everything from cereal to spare ribs. Past the sell-by date? Bidders are happy to ignore that detail if they're getting a good deal.

As consumers seek relief from spiraling food prices, grocery auctions are gaining in popularity as an easy way to cut costs. The sales operate like regular auctions, but with bidders vying for dry goods and frozen foods instead of antiques and col-

### WATCH YOUR BID

Like any auction, grocery auctions aren't automatically a bargain. Savvy bidders should know what things cost at the supermarket to make sure they're truly saving money. The excitement sometimes leads bidders to overpay.

lectibles. Some auctioneers even accept food stamps.

When Kirk Williams held his first grocery auction in rural Pennsylvania last month, nearly 300 people showed up. Astonished by the turnout, he's scheduling auctions at locations throughout northeastern Pennsylvania.

Grocery sales make sense for auctioneers too.

Sales of baseball cards, estate jewelry and other auction staples have "fallen off a cliff," Williams said. He hopes to average about \$12,000 in sales per auction, which would net him a profit of about \$1,000.

The popularity of the auctions—which sell leftover or damaged goods from supermarkets, distribution centers and restaurant suppliers—comes at a time when people are stretching their grocery budgets by using more coupons, buying inferior cuts of meat and choosing store brands over national brands.

Up, up and away

**8** A rocket carrying a GPS navigation satellite lights up the Tuesday morning sky over Cape Canaveral, Fla. AP



### DIGIT

## 2010

**9** The South African government said Tuesday that the Dalai Lama is not welcome until after the 2010 football World Cup, for fear that tensions over Tibet would overshadow all other issues at a time when South Africa wants to focus on hosting the major international event.



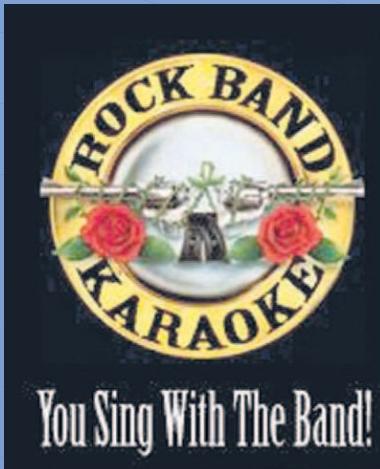
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# sports

# Sound decisions

**Imagine a sports world in which everyone is mic'd up**

## RedEye

The PGA is about to pass the mic. Next month, the golf tour will strap microphones onto a handful of caddies at the Houston Open in the hopes of capturing their conversations with the players. If all goes right, the PGA's field test will be a gold mine of strategy. And if a crude comment somehow finds its way on air, we all can enjoy the red-faced public apology that is sure to follow. The concept got RedEye to wondering which figures in sports we'd like to have mic'd up in the heat of competition. Here are four of them, plus the comments we might expect to hear.



### BROCK LESNAR

Mixed martial arts fighter

An opportunity to eavesdrop on a pro wrestler-turned-UFC gladiator as he learns the brutal nature of his newly chosen sport? Yes, please!

**Sample quote:** "Would you stop punching me in the face? It really hurts! ... Oh, real nice. Kicking me in the face isn't any better!"

### TOM BRADY

New England Patriots quarterback

The franchise QB's recent marriage to Brazilian supermodel Gisele Bundchen might be a more popular topic in the huddle.

**Sample quote:** "I'm not answering any more questions about Gisele. Got it, guys? OK, fine. She has one tattoo, but that's all I'm going to say. Can I call the play now?"

### CYNTHIA RODRIGUEZ

Ex-wife of Yankees slugger Alex Rodriguez

There would be nothing more delightfully cringe-inducing than hearing a superstar taken down a peg by a bitter ex.

**Sample quote:** "Did A-Bod just strike out with the bases loaded? Aww, what a shame. If he doesn't come get his collection of Madonna CDs this week, they're going in the trash."

### OZZIE GUILLEN

White Sox manager

The payoff for putting a mic on Guillen would come when he's having a bad day and an insignificant slight leads to a complete dugout meltdown.

**Sample quote:** "What the &^% are these flavored sunflower seeds? Bring me the &^\$@# who thinks I want &^%\$!@ ranch-flavored seeds, 'cause he's ^%\$#%& fired!"

# Regrets over Big Dance

This year I made a tough decision. One that I thought about in-depth and analyzed as if I were Mel Kiper, and still I nearly changed my mind at the last moment. In the words of the legendary George Oscar Bluth, I've made a huge mistake.



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I thought it would be a great idea to not fill out a bracket for March Madness. But to understand, you need a little background on me. I've never won in my pool. Ever. Like not even close. In fact, I don't remember the last time I finished outside of the bottom five.

I'm the guy that picks a school like Oral Roberts (snicker) to advance way too far. I see teams like Davidson and Gonzaga come out of nowhere and think it would be so cool to pick that team and be able to brag to all my friends and look super-smart. Unfortunately, whatever team I decide to pick goes out in its first matchup without fail, turning it into a literal March madness.

So instead of wasting the entry fee to fall incredibly short of winning again, I thought I could just enjoy the games.

At first it worked. When Cal State-Northridge was beating Memphis, I had no problem rooting for the underdog, especially since my buddy was freaking out because he picked Memphis to go all the way (being able to root against all your friends' picks is a huge upside). And I could enjoy the Cleveland State upset to the fullest.

But then the other games came. Without a bracket, and with my alma mater DePaul saving all of its Big East regular-season wins for next year, I didn't have anyone to root for. I didn't care who won games like Butler-LSU. Sure there are some schools I favor, and some schools' uniforms are way sweeter than others, but the intensity of March Madness was gone.

Next year, I'll be filling out a bracket. It'll be Oral Roberts' year. Trust me.

# Puck peeps

See Jen Patterson on Comcast SportsNet's "Monsters in the Morning" from 6 to 9 a.m. weekdays.



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1 Give the Hawks some advice for tonight's game against San Jose.	Finish the game with two points and at least as many teeth.	Watch your mouth. A Shark's tooth is valuable, a Hawk's tooth, not so much.	Distract their players with photos of sexy, toothless women. Amy Winehouse is a good start!	Get the puck to Roenick ... I mean Sharp.	The Sharks will attack only if you thrash about wildly on the ice.
2 Who's your World Baseball Classic MVP?	The off switch on my remote control.	Japan. Any team that uses Magnum (P.I.) is my kind of team.	I'm gonna go with whoever—or whatever—was responsible for Dustin Pedroia's injury.	Ryan Dempster for not playing.	Dice-K, and yes, I'm drafting him for my fantasy team.
3 How should the Bulls spend their off day?	I could really use somebody to clean my house.	Like Ferris. Jo Noah can be Babe Fro-man, sausage king.	I recommend lounging or knockin' somebody out, but I take all my advice from LL Cool J's lyrics.	As far away from the bowling alley as possible.	Getting Luol Deng a gift certificate for a new leg.
4 What has been the biggest surprise of the women's NCAA Tournament?	Oh, do they have that? How adorable.	Utah. They really make polygamey work.	The fact the Duke men's team hasn't yet joined the field. Usually they're available by this time.	That people are actually watching it.	Tennessee has finally fallen off the Summitt.
5 Lance Armstrong fractured his clavicle Monday. What's a clavicle?	One of the barflies from "Cheers."	The bone used to pop your collar. Lance finally joined the Frat Pack.	What cannibals order at the ice cream truck. (Wah waaaaah.)	It's a love bone.	It connects the chest bone and the head bone. Yes, I'm a real doctor.



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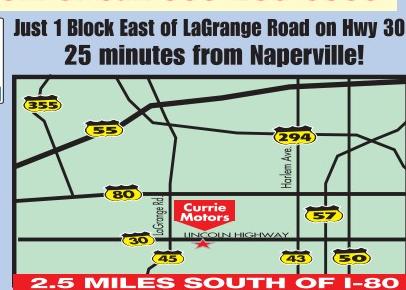
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Japan beat South Korea for the World Baseball Classic championship, huh? Maybe that will restore Kosuke Fukudome's confidence. Then again, he was on the team that won it all last time. Here now, my TV picks.

**NHL****Blackhawks  
vs. Sharks**

7:30 p.m. CSN

Let's hope it's the Hawks smelling blood in the water.

**NIT****Kentucky at  
Notre Dame**

6 p.m. ESPN2

The winner goes to the semis at Madison Square Garden.

**NBA****Boston at  
Orlando**

7 p.m. ESPN

A couple of Eastern Conference heavyweights throw down.



## The ultimate taxi

Steve Barry drives a member of the media in a street-legal Indy car Tuesday. The car is sponsored by Versus, which will broadcast the Indy Racing League this season. **CHASE AGNELLO-DEAN/REDEYE**

**BULLS 99, DETROIT 91**

## No Rose, no problem

With Derrick Rose sitting on the bench in his uniform and sweats Tuesday night, many in the crowd of 20,502 might not have known injury forced the rookie guard to miss his first game of the season.

But if the left-handed high-fives weren't enough of a giveaway, surely the brace protecting his severely bruised right wrist was.

Playoff races don't allow much time for pain or sympathy, and the Bulls knew they had an able substitute in their 99-91 victory over the Pistons anyway.

Kirk Hinrich—remember him?—stepped in and stepped up with 24 points, eight assists and three steals as the Bulls closed to within one game of the Pistons for seventh place in the Eastern Conference

playoff race.

The Bulls also increased their lead to two games over Charlotte for the eighth seed, no small detail considering the Bobcats own the tiebreaker.

Rose suffered the injury while missing a dunk over Washington's Oleksiy Pecherov just before halftime Monday, then played 20 minutes, 22 seconds in the second half. He seemed surprised by how badly it deteriorated overnight.

"Trust me, I can take pain," Rose said. "But it really hurts. I can barely turn a doorknob. [Athletic trainer Fred Tedeschi] told me to sit two or three days and let it heal."

That places Thursday's home game against Miami in jeopardy as well, although X-rays were negative.

**HOMETOWN HITS****INDIANS 2, WHITE SOX 2**

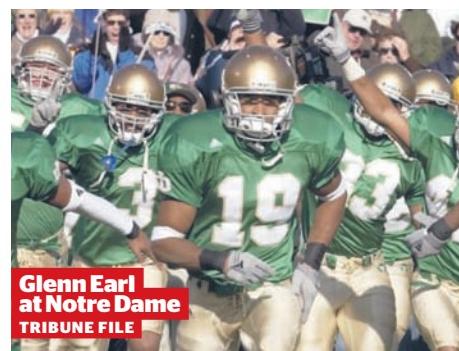
Ozzie Guillen wants to see more velocity out of Bartolo Colon when the veteran right-hander pitches against Oakland at Camelback Ranch on Wednesday. "Hey, if Colon is not ready for Opening Day, we got Plan B all ready," Guillen said Tuesday. That would be left-hander Clayton Richard, assuming Jose Contreras doesn't have any setbacks.

**CUBS 9, ROCKIES 8**

Milton Bradley hit his second spring homer and the Cubs beat the Colorado Rockies 9-8 on Tuesday. Alfonso Soriano went 2-for-2 with two walks and two RBIs for Chicago.



The Bears signed safety Glenn Earl to a one-year contract Tuesday. A Naperville native and Notre Dame product, Earl was a fourth-round draft pick by Houston in 2004. He made 31 starts and recorded 186 tackles in three seasons for the Texans before spending the 2007 season on the injured reserve list. He was released by the Texans in August.



**Glenn Earl  
at Notre Dame**  
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**ONE-LINERS**

» Duke on Tuesday became the first No. 1 seed to fall in the women's NCAA Tournament, losing 63-49 to ninth-seeded Michigan State in the second round.

» Lance Armstrong will have surgery Wednesday on his broken collarbone, suffered Monday in a fall during a race in Spain.

» NFL owners passed four player safety rules for next season on Tuesday and adjusted the calls on the kind of tackle that injured Patriots quarterback Tom Brady in the 2008 opener.

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# metromix



# Signs of spring

**A BYOB bistro and an Italian reinvention lead the pack of new restaurants this month**

## new on the scene

By M. Kathleen Pratt and Erin Osmon

The annual onslaught of spring and summer restaurant openings is nearly upon us, but a handful of spots have beat the rush. Here's a look at what has opened in March.

### The Grocery Bistro

804 W. Washington St.  
312-850-9291  
Chicago's insatiable appetite for a good BYOB was confirmed yet again by the opening weekend crowds at this week-old West Loop spot. Chef Andre Christopher's contemporary menu, executed using ingredients sourced from frequent visits to local meat and seafood markets, spice shops and even Jewel (hence "Grocery" in the name), will change seasonally, but you can expect hot and cold shared plates like Japanese-style oysters Rockefeller and hearty entrees such as roasted sausage-stuffed chicken thighs with gorgonzola polenta and poached tomatoes. Arriving empty-handed? Stop in at Perman Wine Selections next door, which works with the restaurant to provide appropriate pairings.

### Via Ventuno

2110 S. Wabash Ave.  
312-328-1198  
Restaurateur Jerry Kleiner is behind this Italian-focused South Loop spot, which opened

Tuesday in the space last occupied by Kleiner's Room 21. Executive chef Jim Kilberg has assembled a menu of dishes from throughout Italy, including handmade pastas like *cappellacci con cavolfiore* (cauliflower-filled hats with pancetta and bread crumbs) and entrees such as pork chops with polenta and honey and veal Milanese. There's also a *mista terra* table featuring artisan cured meats, cheeses and other antipasti. The former Room 21 space has been completely revamped but remains true to Kleiner's colorful style, with two main dining areas (one with a bar vibe, the other more subdued) divided by a bookcase displaying artifacts from wine bottles and books to a sculpture fashioned from an old street sweeper.

### Hop Haus

7545 N. Clark St. 773-262-3783  
The folks behind Leona's and the original Hop Haus in River North have taken their casual late-night burger-and-beer concept to Rogers Park. The menu at this new location, which opened Monday, is identical to

the original, and the decor—think dark wood, multicolored checked tablecloths and photos of Chicago sports greats—doesn't stray far either. You've got more than a dozen burger choices, including a build-your-own option, plus an exotic lineup of mini-burgers made from game meats such as kangaroo, ostrich and wild boar. The beer list isn't as impressive as the name might suggest, but the menu includes pairing tips in case you're not sure what pairs well with, say, a wild boar burger with smoked gouda and bacon.

### More March openings

» Always-bustling carryout spot **Goddess and Grocer** opens a third outpost at 2200 N. Elston Ave. Wednesday.

» The man behind Salad Spinners, Rich Levy, teamed up with Kurt Chenier (formerly of Bonsoiree) and Spa Cafe's Scott Morris to open **Lunch Rolls** (112 W. Monroe St.), a sandwich-focused Loop lunch spot, on Monday.

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**Grocery Bistro**  
chef Andre Christopher  
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## The Countdown

A PEEK AT WHAT'S COMING NEXT

### ANY DAY NOW ...

#### Taxim

Wicker Park gets a lushly appointed haven of Greek cuisine

### WEEK OF MARCH 30

#### Branch 27

Former West Town library turns casual American bistro

### FIRST WEEK OF APRIL

#### Orange

Lincoln Park wakes up to Frushi and pancake flights

### EARLY APRIL

#### Wicker Park sibling to Tango Sur (still nameless)

Nothing says summer like grilled meat

### MID-APRIL

#### Frida's

La Cocina de Frida gets a Southport Avenue sibling

### MID-APRIL

#### Eivissa Pintxos, Tapas & Sangria Restaurant

Tapas, sangria, etc. in Old Town

### MID-APRIL

#### 90 Miles Cuban Cafe

Cuban sensation hits Logan Square

### MID-TO LATE APRIL

#### Fred's at Barneys

Ladies who lunch, this one's for you

### LATE APRIL

#### Ristorante Al Teatro

Pilsen goes Italian with this spot in the historic Thalia Hall

### LATE APRIL

#### Nella Pizzeria Napoletana

Uber-authentic Neapolitan pizza in Lincoln Park

### FIRST WEEK OF MAY

#### Terzo Piano

Tony Mantuano (Spiaggia) opens shop in Art Institute's new Modern Wing

### MID-MAY

#### Mercadito

Trendy New York cantina rolls out in River North

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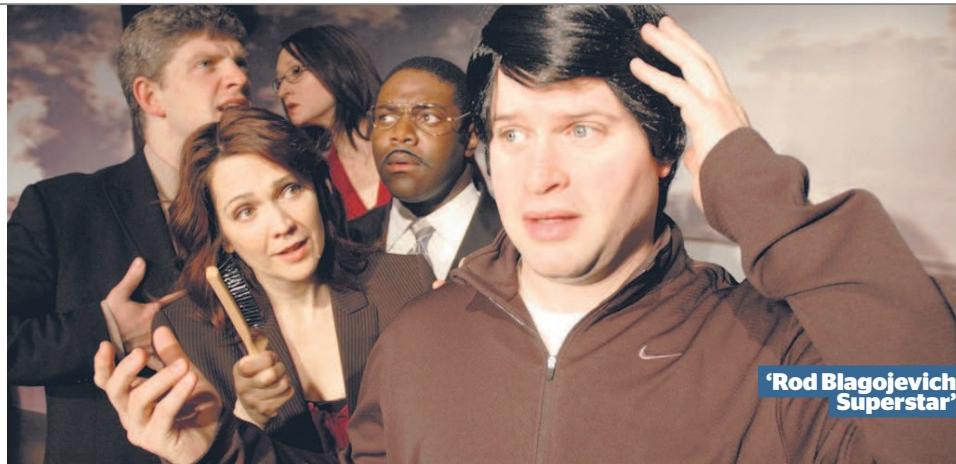
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'Rod Blagojevich Superstar'

## best bets

BY BETH GERACI  
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### WEDNESDAY DEAL

**Dark Night with Dark Horse Brewery**  
Sheffield's,  
3258 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-281-4989.

You won't be short on stout when Michigan's Dark Horse Brewery visits Lakeview with \$3 half-pints of six beers. Try Plead the 5th imperial stout, Tres Blueberry stout and others while snacking on barbecued appetizers. 7 p.m. **Cost:** No cover.

**CORRECTION:**  
Tuesday's Best Bets listed the wrong date for Nacional 27's Ultimate Girls' Night Out. The event happens Thursday.

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### Chinatown Dining Tour

New Three Happiness Restaurant, 2130 S. Wentworth Ave. Chow down on chow mein and more during a neighborhood crawl of 20-plus Asian eateries. Some menu highlights: governor's chicken at House of Fortune (2407 S. Wentworth Ave.), pot stickers and crispy veggie rolls at Phoenix (2131 S. Archer Ave.) and shrimp and pork dumplings at New Three Happiness, where the crawl begins. 5:30 p.m. **Cost:** \$20-\$25. 312-326-5320. Tickets: [chicagochinatown.org](http://chicagochinatown.org)

### Rainbows benefit

Rockit Bar & Grill, 22 W. Hubbard St. 312-645-6000. Inject some color into your week (think red for wine, gold for beer) at this after-work benefit. In addition to drinks, your donation to Rainbows Children's Charity includes appetizers such as flatbread pizzas, barbecued turkey meatballs and spanakopita. RSVP recommended. 6 p.m. **Cost:** \$25.

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### 'Rod Blagojevich Superstar!'

Chicago Shakespeare Theater, 800 E. Grand Ave. 312-595-5600. G-Rod and his motley crew of apostles are back in this Second City show, which played to sold-out crowds in Old Town before finding a new home for an extended run. The spoof of '70s rock operas such as "Jesus Christ Superstar" and "Godspell" stars fictionalized versions of Blago and wife Patti as Jesus Christ and Mary Magdalene, plus a supporting cast portraying Roland Burris, Lisa Madigan and others. Features music by The Second City's T.J. Shanoff. 7:30 p.m. Through May 3. **Cost:** \$25. Tickets: [chicagoshakes.com](http://chicagoshakes.com)

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### Blank Canvas: A Design Showcase

Enclave, 220 W. Chicago Ave. The green scene will be jumping when architects, interior designers and other pros from more than 15 local eco-friendly businesses explain their techniques and show building samples at an open-to-the-public trade show. Includes cocktails, appetizers, live jazz from The Porterhouse Trio and on-site painting by Joe Miller. 6:30 p.m. **Cost:** \$10. Partial proceeds benefit Gateway Green. 888-326-7895. RSVP requested: [blankcanvaschicago.com](http://blankcanvaschicago.com)

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### Sierra Nevada brewmaster dinner

Fireside Restaurant, 5739 N. Ravenswood Ave. 773-561-7433. Comfort food meets its match during this six-course meal of hearty Sierra Nevada-infused cuisine with pairings from the California brewery. On the menu: shrimp and crab cakes with pale ale and ale-roasted chicken with Torpedo IPA. Brewery rep Steve Grossman discusses the picks. RSVP recommended. 2 p.m. **Cost:** \$50.

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**Q:** What is your favorite menu item?  
**A:** Our 1st Place, 2009 Wing Fest Cheesy Garlic Buffalo Wings.

**Q:** Worst pick up line:  
**A:** That's quite a firm handshake you have...wanna wrestle?

**Q:** What is the best part of working in Wrigley?  
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# Shake it!

By Lisa Arnett

Salt-rimmed margaritas and minty mojitos have always done us well. But this season, a different Latin drink is picking up speed: the batida. Made with sugar-cane spirit cachaca, this fruity Brazilian cocktail's popping up on menus faster than you can pronounce it with a Portuguese accent: "ba-chee-da."

Cachaca's most often found mixed with lime in Brazil's national cocktail, the caipirinha. But when it's shaken with any other fresh fruit (and sometimes coconut milk, condensed milk or cream), you've got yourself the lesser-known batida. Here are seven spots where you can start sipping.

## 1 Tiny Lounge

4352 N. LEAVITT ST. 773-463-0396

This sleek neighborhood lounge has been serving a batida made with fresh pureed blueberries, coconut milk and cream (\$8) since it opened in North Center earlier this year. Come late April, they'll chuck the cream and change up the recipe with passion fruit or other fresh fruits from the market, changing monthly.

## 2 Vertigo

2 W. ERIE ST. 312-202-6060

This high-rise hangout has been busy serving up retro cocktails such as Singapore slings, but in early April, look out for the Verao (that's "summer" in Portuguese) Batida (\$11). This version matches cachaca with citrus honey, mint leaves and seasonal stone fruit, starting with plums and apricots this spring and moving on to white peaches and nectarines this summer.

## 3 In Fine Spirits Lounge

5420 N. CLARK ST. 773-334-9463

This nearly one-year-old cocktail lounge (it celebrates its anniversary April 4) is bringing batidas to Andersonville on its spring menu April 1. Their version, called The Batida Elegante (\$9), shakes up cachaca with fresh mango juice, coconut milk, lime juice and a dash of condensed milk, garnished with slices of mango and avocado.

## 4 The Underground

56 W. ILLINOIS ST.  
312-644-7600

The bartenders at this late-night club are serving up The Apple Aide (\$12), a cachaca concoction with an American twist, thanks to the addition of muddled apples, apple juice, apple-flavored rum, lime and a bit of sugar.



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## 5 Martini Park

151 W. ERIE ST. 312-640-0577

Cachaca gets a ton of play at this after-work hang, making an appearance in four of 10 drinks on the spring menu, debuting this week. The most traditional is the Brazilian Batida, made with your choice of strawberry, mango or peach puree and condensed milk. We also like the Spring Fling, a more tropical-tasting blend of cachaca, Malibu rum, coconut water, pineapple and lime juice, and strawberry puree (both \$9).



## 6 SushiSamba Rio

504 N. WELLS ST. 312-595-2300

Batidas make a weekly appearance on this Latin spot's Sunday brunch menu. Pick up to three base juices—from Asian pear to strawberry to acai—and they'll blend them with condensed milk and cachaca (\$8.25).

## 7 Nacional 27

325 W. HURON ST. 312-664-2727

While everyone else hops on the batida bandwagon, mixologist Adam Seger has always served up a solid one here, made with cachaca, lime syrup and a seasonal fruit of the moment—from strawberries and rhubarb in May to black cherries in June—shaken up with crushed ice. Just step up to the bar and ask what's freshest right this minute (\$10-\$11).

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## Easter brunches

### 10PIN BOWLING LOUNGE

Brunch buffet and bowling party includes shoe rental and two hours of games, plus an appearance by the Easter Bunny and prizes for kids. Seatings at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. \$39, free for kids ages 4 and younger; 330 N. State St. 312-644-0300.

### ANN SATHER

Special prix-fixe meal includes roasted leg of lamb, beef tenderloin, baked ham, salmon, homemade pies and more (11 a.m.-4 p.m.). Signature breakfast items are available at 7 a.m. \$17.95, \$10.95 for kids 12 and younger; 909 W. Belmont Ave. 773-348-2378; 5207 N. Clark St. 773-271-6677.

### BRASSERIE JO

11 a.m.: A la carte brunch specials include crab cakes, Benedictine en brioche, French-

style brie omelets with mushrooms, steak frites with mustard butter, and smoked pork chops. Special meals and supervised activities such as games and crafts available for kids. Prices vary; 59 W. Hubbard St. 312-595-0800.

### CAFE DES ARCHITECTES

11:30 a.m.: Executive chef Martial Noguier prepares a three-course brunch. Options include house-cured salmon, beef tenderloin, braised lamb shank, Swan Creek Farm chicken, arctic char and mini-eclairs. \$45; 20 E. Chestnut St., Sofitel Chicago Water Tower. 312-324-4063.

### CARNIVALE

11 a.m.: Special menu features asparagus empanadas, scrambled eggs with chorizo,

French toast and coconut bread pudding. Regular offerings also are available. Prices vary; 702 W. Fulton St. 312-850-5005.

### DELEECHE

9 a.m.: A la carte specials such as lobster quiche, strawberry crepes, a bacon-wrapped filet and mustard-crusted ham steak complement the regular menu. Prices vary; 4004 N. Southport Ave. 773-325-1710.

### GIOCO

9 a.m.: Specials such as macadamia nut pancakes, morel frittatas and braised rabbit leg complement the regular menu. Prices vary; 1312 S. Wabash Ave. 312-939-3870.

### HOUSE OF BLUES

10 a.m. Easter Gospel Brunch. All-you-can-eat buffet of Southern fare and live music from William Smith Jr. and Renewed Voices for Christ. \$37.50, \$22 for kids ages 6-12, free for kids younger than 6; 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

### MON AMI GABI

10:30 a.m.: Specials such as smoked salmon quiche and vanilla French toast available in addition to the regular menu. Build-your-own bloody mary bar also available. Prices vary; 2300 N. Lincoln Park West. 773-348-8886.

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shrimp, corn tamales, pea soup, and charcoal-grilled and marinated skirt steak. Prices vary; 1252 N. Wells St. 312-988-7811.

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Wii Wednesdays. Free appetizers (6-8 p.m.), \$3 beers, \$5 Effen cocktails; 610 N. Rush St. 312-660-7200.

**JUNIOR'S**

Half-price appetizers, \$5 Bacardi mojitos and select martinis, trivia 8 p.m.; 724 W. Maxwell St. 312-421-2277.

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**NIGHTCRAWLERS****Shop girls**

Hundreds of ladies flocked to Union Station on Friday to check out sold-out shopping event **Shecky's Girl's Night Out**. After browsing tables stocked with sparkly baubles, shoes and threads, groups lingered on the station stairs to sip their brightly hued cocktails.



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## Random Acts of Greatness

things we're loving this week

**1** "Duplicity." If there's a spicier, more entertaining movie this decade about corporate greed and spies in lust, we haven't seen it.

**2** Newish Lakeview Japanese and Korean spot **Hiro's Cafe** (2936 N. Broadway, 773-477-8510). In case Roll Combo A (one spicy tuna, one spicy salmon and one California roll for \$11.95), isn't a good enough deal for you, Hiro's also offers a daily \$15.95 all-you-can-eat option, one of the cheapest we've seen in the city.

**3** Wicker Park boutique **Habit** (1951 W. Division St. 773-342-0093), a gem of a shop that continues to hold its own on an increasingly crowded shopping strip. Owner Lindsey Boland hand-selects the coolest stuff by emerging designers—from funky silk ties to jewelry made from vintage tins—stocking 'em only until they grow beyond their newbie status.

**4** The **black sesame flan** (\$8), surrounded by boiled, sweetened basil seeds, at Roscoe Village sushi spot



**Lao Shanghai**  
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Kaze (2032 W. Roscoe St. 773-327-4860). We'll never again settle for the ubiquitous mochi and lackluster variations on green tea custard that qualify as dessert at most sushi spots in town.

**5** The **accommodating staffers** at Lao Shanghai (2163 S. China Pl. 312-808-0830), who seated our unannounced party of 10 within 20 minutes, despite the Saturday night rush. We'll be back soon for another round of bao (\$4.95) and Empress chicken (\$8.95).

**Join the randomness: Tell us what you're loving this week at [metromix.com](http://metromix.com)!**

**MICKEY'S TAVERN**  
\$2.50 Heineken and Beck's bottles; 2345 N. Leavitt St. 773-394-3037.

**MORSELAND**  
\$3 Bell's Amber pints, DJs 10 p.m.; 1218 W. Morse Ave. 773-764-8900.

**THE NEW DATING GAME**  
A Night of House. \$5 green apple martinis and cosmopolitans, DJ Reg and guests spin 8 p.m. \$10; 8924 S. Stony Island Ave. 773-374-8883.

**OLE LOUNGE**  
\$2 mojitos, half-price select tapas (5-7 p.m.); 2812 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-388-3500.

**PINT**  
\$5 well martinis, \$7 top-shelf martinis; 1547 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-772-0990.

**RAVEN'S**  
\$3.50 beer-of-the-month drafts, free popcorn; 2326 N. Clark St. 773-348-1774.

**REBAR**  
\$20 appetizers and champagne tasting (5:30-7 p.m.); 401 N. Wabash Ave. Trump International Hotel & Tower Chicago, Mezzanine Level. 312-588-8100.

**RED IVY**  
\$2 European drafts, \$3.50 Heineken bottles, \$5 individual one-topping pizzas; 3525 N. Clark St. 773-472-0900.

**REGGIE'S MUSIC JOINT**  
Half-price appetizers, \$3 Stoli cocktails and Stella and Hoegaarden drafts, \$4 American Honey lemonades, \$5 margaritas, \$4 SoCo Limes; 2105 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

**ROKIT BAR & GRILL**  
6 p.m.: Rainbows: Guiding Kids Through Life's Storms. A benefit party includes appetizers, domestic beer and wine.

\$25. Reservations recommended; 22 W. Hubbard St. 312-645-6000.

**ROCKS LINCOLN PARK**  
\$5 select whiskeys, New Belgium bottles and burgers; 1301 W. Schubert Ave. 773-472-7738.

**SHEFFIELD'S**  
7 p.m.: Dark Night with Dark Horse Brewery. Sample six stouts from the Michigan brewery (\$3 each) while snacking on appetizers. Beers include: Black Bier, One, Too, Tres, Fore and Plead the Fifth. No cover; 3258 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-281-4989.

**SMALL BAR**  
\$4 Allagash White drafts; 2049 W. Division St. 773-772-2727.

**SOPA**  
\$2 glasses of sangria, \$5 salads; 3418 N. Southport Ave. 773-348-0100.

**STATE RESTAURANT & CAFE**  
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**STREET SIDE CAFE**  
\$3.50 Three Floyds Gumballhead drafts; 3201 W. Armitage Ave. 773-252-9700.

**SUBTERRANEAN**  
9 p.m.: Procession. \$2 PBR cans, \$4 Three Olive cocktails, DJs Beazuberin, Tiger Lily, Michael No-wave and Joshua spin post-punk, synthpop, industrial and indie 9 p.m. No cover; 2011 W. North Ave. 773-278-6600.

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\$3 domestic pints, \$5 margaritas; 1801 N. Clybourn Ave. 773-871-7799.

**VINES ON CLARK**  
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# Adult swim

## Sorry, Mom and Dad: Katy Perry was just kidding about being celibate

By Tamara Palmer

**I**t's hard to imagine now, but about a year ago most of us had never heard "I Kissed a Girl" or the 24-year-old phenom behind it. Now, after topping the charts in 10 countries with both her signature anthem and its even catchier follow-up, "Hot N Cold," Katy Perry is as much a fixture of the pop culture landscape as any new artist of the '00s.

Before kicking off her first headlining world tour, Perry talked to us via a news conference call, on which reporters were reminded to "please not mention boyfriends or feuds." So instead, we focused on smaller matters like Perry's sex life and lesbian curiosity. And for the record, this interview does not talk about Perry's breakup with Gym Class Heroes frontman Travis McCoy or her ongoing war of words with British singer Lily Allen.

### Your parents are ministers. Do they support your less-than-squeaky-clean music?

My family definitely is very supportive. I have pushed their envelope from the day I was born. I was always the kid at the dinner table who, if there was a line you shouldn't cross, I took a big leap over it. That kind of has always been me. There's never really been an edit button on my keyboard of life. And I guess my parents weren't ever so shocked when I was singing very frank or honest songs. They're a different breed of Christians, my family. Sometimes people think my parents are wearing the priest outfit, and I'm like, "No, actually, my dad has four tattoos." They all happen to say "Jesus," but he's just kind of like a modern rock 'n' roll pastor. I definitely think that we agree to disagree on

### Katy Perry

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday  
**Where:** House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St.  
**Tickets:** Sold out

some things, but I don't think that is unusual with a kid and their parents' relationship.

### Your folks are probably happy about your yearlong vow of celibacy ...

By the way, that was a joke and any fine journalist would have gotten that joke and inserted that, you know, in the context [of ending a relationship]. I'm not going to be celibate.

### You're not?

No. I mean, I guess I'm just going to be looking for the right one but ... please, celibacy for a whole year? I'd rather die.

### How did "I Kissed a Girl" come about in the first place?

I'd always heard about artists having a notepad on the side of their bed if they were to have dreams of lyrics or an idea for a song in the middle of the night, and I thought it was all bollocks ... but it actually happened to me. I woke up one morning, and I was starting my day and I had this song literally pop into my head, the chorus of it: "I kissed a girl and I liked it, the taste of her cherry ChapStick" ... and I thought, what a peculiar little idea.

### The song was played everywhere. How much did that surprise you when it went No. 1 in so many countries?

Last year, I traveled all around the world ... and it didn't matter; anywhere I went, everybody was singing along.



Katy Perry

It didn't matter what their language was and that was hugely surprising. I thought maybe the song will be popular with a certain group of people or maybe it'll be popular on the L.A. and the New York coasts, but it would never reach beyond that. I never realized that it would be a worldwide sing along.

### Now that you're on tour, do you have a specific regimen to stay healthy and in shape?

One thing I can swear by is jumping rope. I don't really do anything else. I hate working out, but I love jumping rope. I think it's because it's like dancing. There's a rhythm. I can say this very unashamedly: I'm a really good rope jumper. I can double jump, I can cross, I can do all of it. I look like Rocky when I jump rope.

TAMARA PALMER IS A METROMIX SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR. METROMIX@TRIBUNE.COM

## Fast forward

Metromix's Top 5 shows through Sunday

### 1 OZOMATLI

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### 2 ANATHALLO

Locals return from SXSW to continue showcasing last year's tight "Canopy Glow." With Sybris, Cains and Abels. 8 p.m. Fri. \$12-\$13. Bottom Lounge, 1375 W. Lake St. 312-666-6775.

### 3 BLOC PARTY

No matter what they've done since, "Silent Alarm" is still great. With Longwave. 8 p.m. Sat. \$28.50. Aragon Ballroom, 1106 W. Lawrence Ave. 312-559-1212.

### 4 ELENI MANDELL

Versatile singer-songwriter. With Daniel Martin Moore. 9 p.m. Thu. \$12. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

### 5 BRIAN JONESTOWN MASSACRE

It's OK to be nostalgic when you turn back the clock this well. With the Flavor Crystals. 9 p.m. Sat. \$17-\$20. Metro. 3730 N. Clark St. 773-549-0203.

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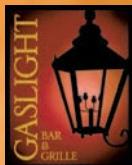
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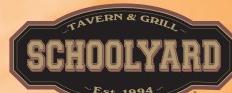
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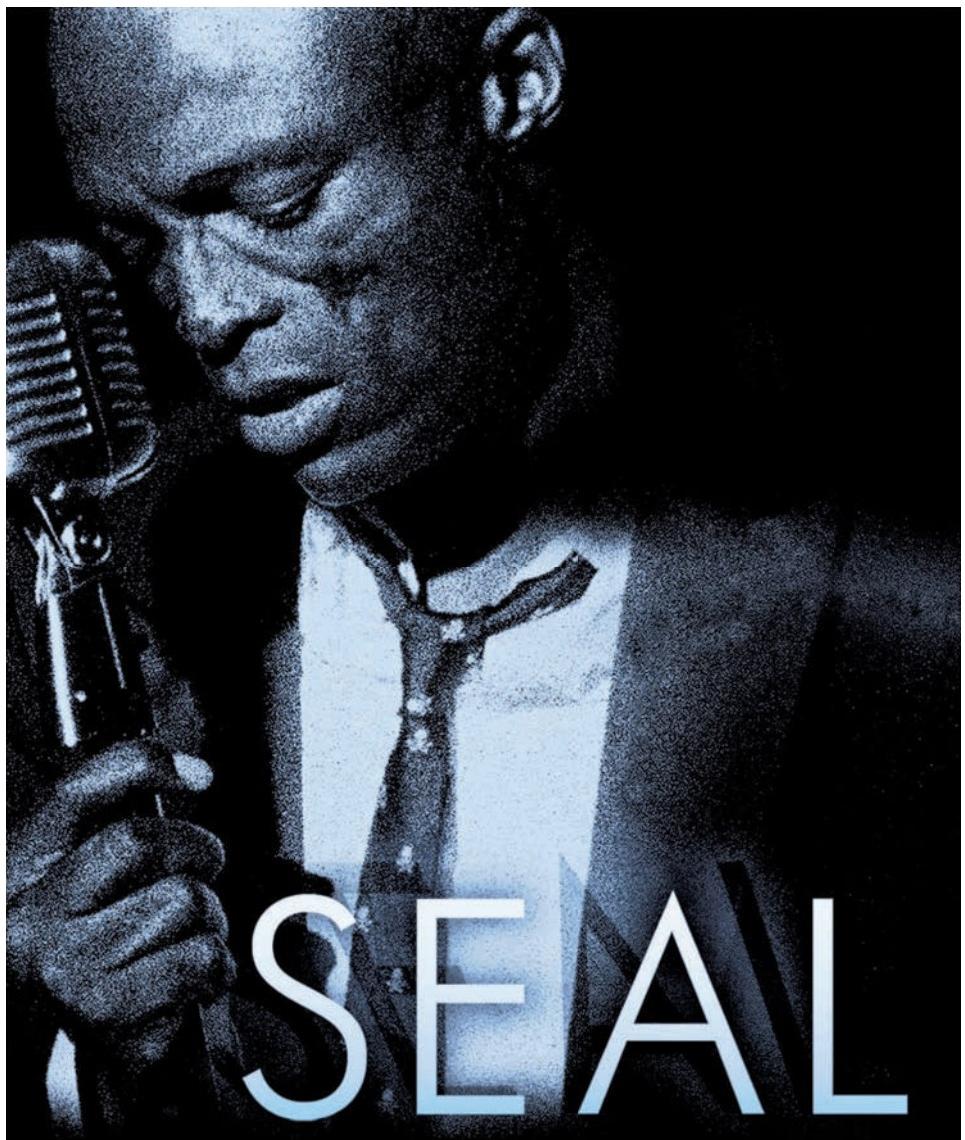
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**Caravan of Thieves,** Wednesday, May 27 (\$8, 21+) at Schubas.

**Dent May and His Magnificent Ukulele,** Thursday, May 28 (\$10, 21+) at Schubas.

**Jessica Lea Mayfield,** Tuesday, May 26 (\$12, 18+) at Schubas.

**The Meat Puppets,** Saturday, May 30, Sunday, May 31 (\$16-\$18, 21+) at Schubas.

**Mike Watt and the Missingmen,** Thursday, May 14 (\$15, 21+) at Schubas.

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**311, Ziggy Marley,** Sunday, June 14 (\$45.50, all ages) at Northerly Island's Charter One Pavilion.

**Patrizio Buanne,** Friday, May 8 (\$37.50-\$67.50, all ages) at Oriental Theatre.



**The Enemy,** Friday, June 26 (\$15, 17+) at Subterranean.

**UFO,** Friday, Oct. 16 (\$39.50-\$41.50, 21+) at House of Blues.

**Kate Voegele, Angel Taylor,** Friday, May 1 (\$15, all ages) at Park West.

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**Algren, The Evening Redness, Arma,** Saturday, May 9 (\$8, 21+) at Double Door.

**Ben Harper and Relentless7,** Saturday, May 16 (\$35, 18+) at Vic Theatre.

**Chicago, Earth, Wind and Fire,** Tuesday, June 30 (\$20-\$48, all ages)

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**Hurt,** Tuesday, May 19 (\$15, 21+) at Double Door.

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**Saber, New Canyons, DJ Trancid, DJ Eddie Riot,** Wednesday, May 13 (\$5, 21+) at Double Door.

**Bob Schneider, Jason Shannon,** Friday, June 12, Saturday, June 13 (\$20, 21+) at Double Door.

**The U.S. Air Guitar Championships,** Saturday, June 6 (\$15, 18+) at Metro.

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**U2, Snow Patrol,** Saturday, Sept. 12 (\$32-\$252, all ages) at Soldier Field.

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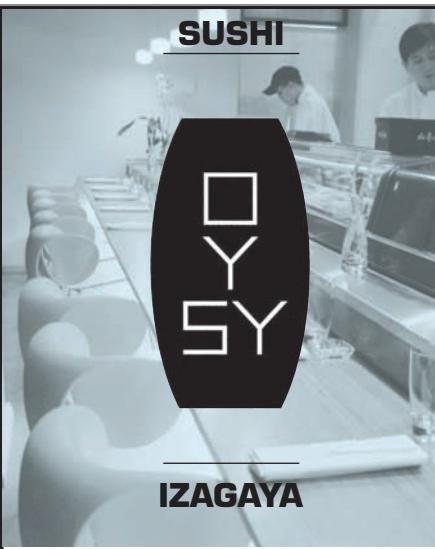
House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

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**"Oxford Blues"** (1984), starring Brat Packer Rob Lowe (above, left) as an American "hustler" who enrolls in Oxford to chase the girl of his dreams, played by Ally Sheedy.

**"Heart Beat"** (1980), a pseudo biopic of Beat author Jack Kerouac starring John Heard, Nick Nolte and Sissy Spacek.

**"Dream Lover"** (1986), a thriller starring Kristy McNichol.

**"Rasputin and the Empress"** (1932), which features three Barrymore siblings, including modern "Charlie's Angels" actress Drew Barrymore's grandfather, John.

**"Sunrise at Campobello,"** (1960) starring Ralph Bellamy as President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

**"All Fall Down"** (1962), featuring Warren Beatty and Eva Marie Saint.

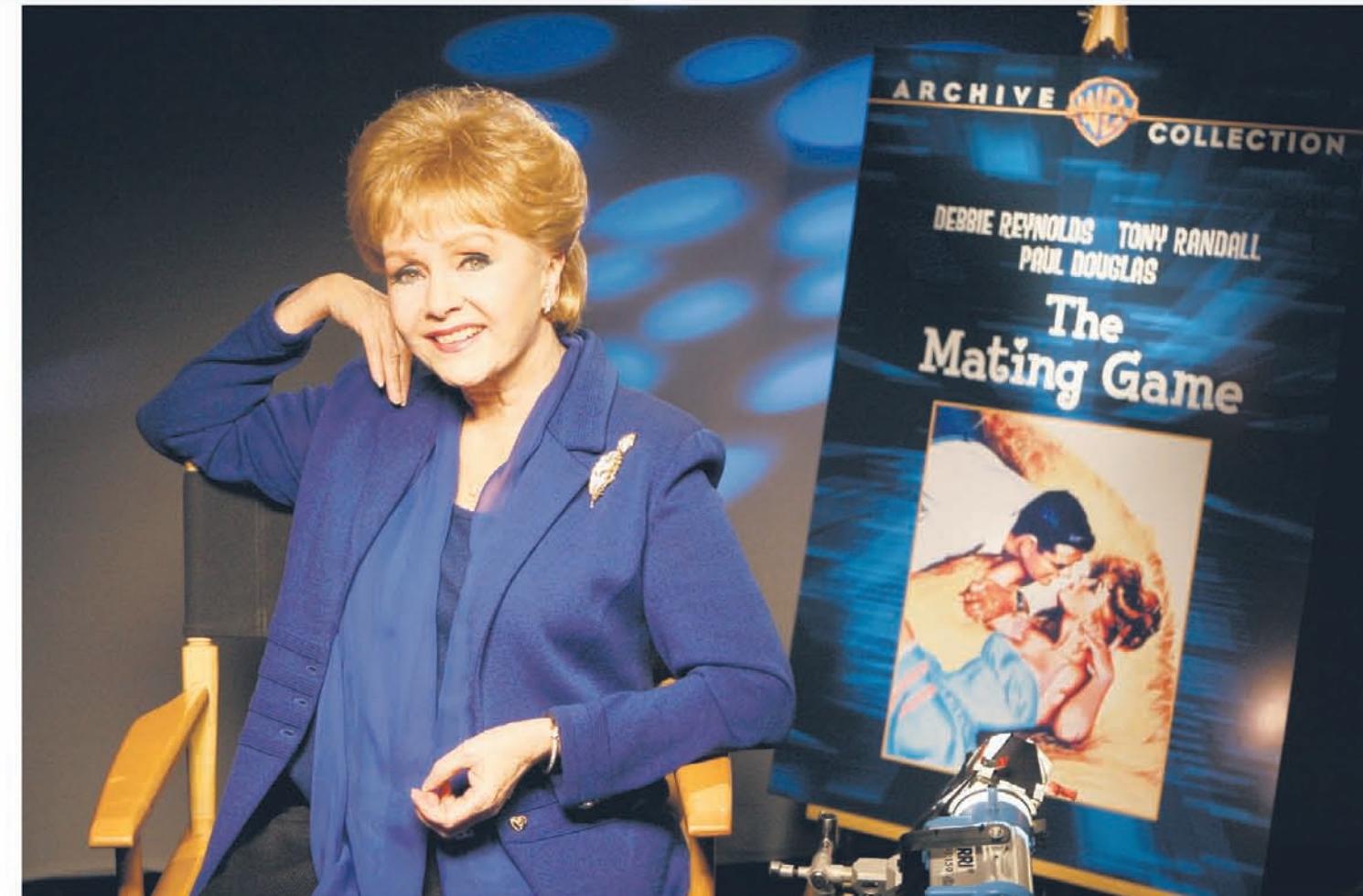
**"The Actress"** (1953), a comedy based on the early life of actress Ruth Gordon with Spencer Tracy and Jean Simmons.

**"Wild Orchids"** (1929), a silent melodrama with Greta Garbo.

**"The Rain People"** (1969), starring Shirley Knight, James Caan and Robert Duvall and directed by Francis Ford Coppola.

**"The Red Lily"** (1924), a romantic melodrama about the ill-fated love affair between the son of a wealthy mayor and a peasant girl.

**"Three Comrades"** (1938), F. Scott Fitzgerald helped adapt this story about three German WWI vets working as mechanics, and the woman who changes their lives. **REDEYE, L.A. TIMES, AP**



Actress Debbie Reynolds poses this month on the Warner Bros. lot in Burbank, Calif. Warner Bros. is reaching into its film vaults and selling made-to-order DVDs. "I expect that we'll be selling thousands of copies of every title," said one executive, "and making a lot of people really happy." **AP PHOTO**

# Digital revolution

**Warner Bros. offering DVDs, downloads of old movies and TV shows**

## Associated Press

Warner Bros. is giving its old films and TV shows new life in the digital age.

On Monday, the studio started selling copies of 150 films from the silent era to the 1980s Brat Pack that have never been released on DVD. Internet downloads of the movies will cost \$14.95, while DVDs sent in the mail are \$19.95. Both can be ordered at [warnerarchive.com](http://warnerarchive.com).

Among the titles available are the 1980s film "Wisdom," with Brat Packers Emilio Estevez and Demi Moore; several early Clark Gable films, including "Possessed" and "Men in White"; "Love," Greta Garbo's silent version of "Anna Karenina"; "This Woman Is Dangerous," with Joan Crawford; and "Abe Lincoln in Illinois," with Raymond Massey.

Consumers also can make requests for

the movies and TV shows they'd like to see released at the site.

Many of the titles Warner is releasing in the new venture have made the rounds on another Time Warner subsidiary, the Turner Classic Movies cable channel, and on VHS. But the studio will keep mining its vast feature film library, which includes anywhere from 3,800 to 6,800 titles, depending on various reports.

Twenty more films or TV shows will be added to the program of re-releases each month, with 300 expected by year's end. To put it in perspective, the studio has released only about 1,100 movies on DVD since the technology was spawned 12 years ago.

"There are still thousands of movies that we own that consumers haven't been able to get," said George Feltenstein, senior vice president of theatrical catalog marketing for

Warner Home Video. "I expect that we'll be selling thousands of copies of every title over a period of time, and making a lot of people really happy."

The initiative, which Warner claims is the first of its kind for a major studio, is an effort by the Time Warner subsidiary to combat what could be a fundamental decline in demand for DVD purchases. Walt Disney CEO Bob Iger warned of this shift last month when he noted that most U.S. households own 80 DVDs already, leading people to become "more selective" about what discs they buy.

U.S. DVD spending fell 7 percent last year, to \$21.6 billion, according to The Digital Entertainment Group, an industry consortium. While high-definition Blu-ray disc spending nearly tripled, it represented a small slice of the market, at \$750 million.



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## ALBUM

### Cursive "Mama, I'm Swollen"

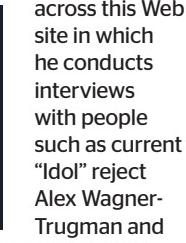
Cursive's sixth album digs hungrily into the theme of grappling with adulthood. The fact that it's more light of touch than not is a tribute to frontman Tim Kasher's casual roaring of urgent lyrics, not to mention a band that embraces jittery pop and cozy orchestration. The opening "In the Now" is a throttling introduction to an album that soars when Kasher avoids cheesy sentiments and simply unburdens his tormented soul. DOUG WALLEN, THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

## WEB

### American Nobody Show

[americannobody.com](http://americannobody.com)

Remember Jon Peter Lewis from Season 3 of "American Idol"? Neither did I until I stumbled across this Web site in which he conducts interviews with people such as current "Idol" reject Alex Wagner-Trugman and



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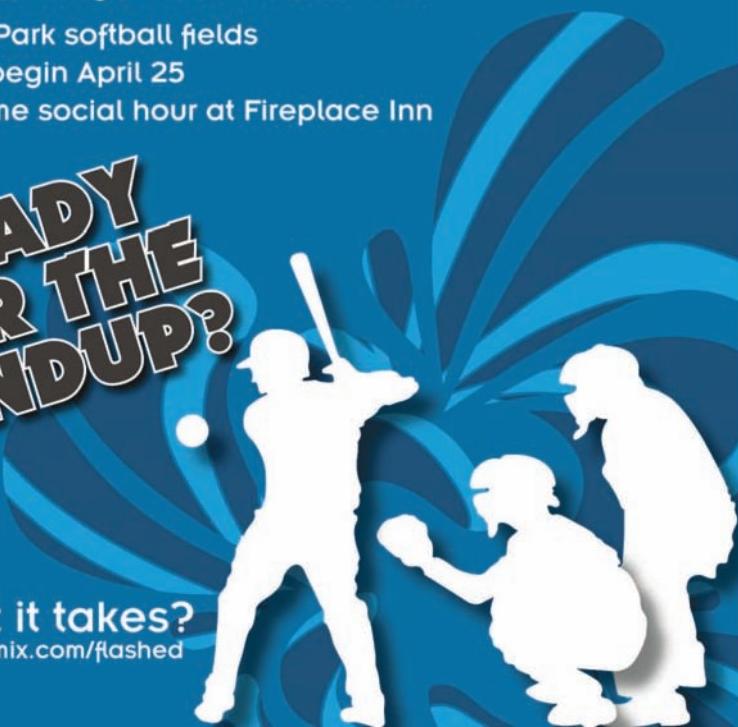


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# Spring cleaning: Crack an old bottle

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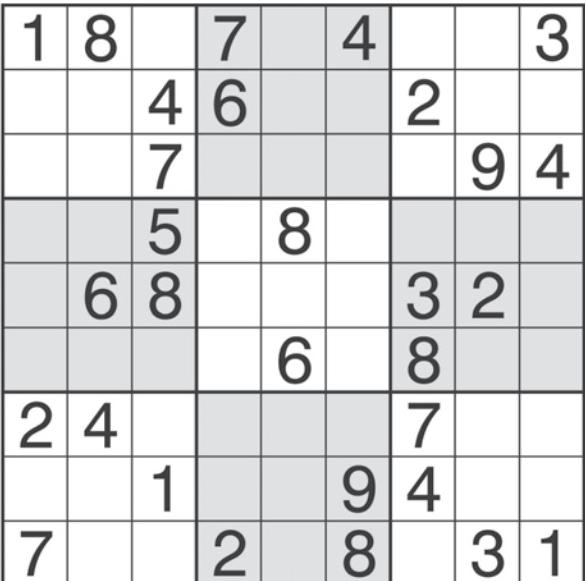
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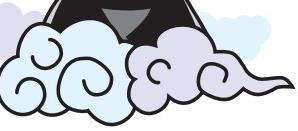
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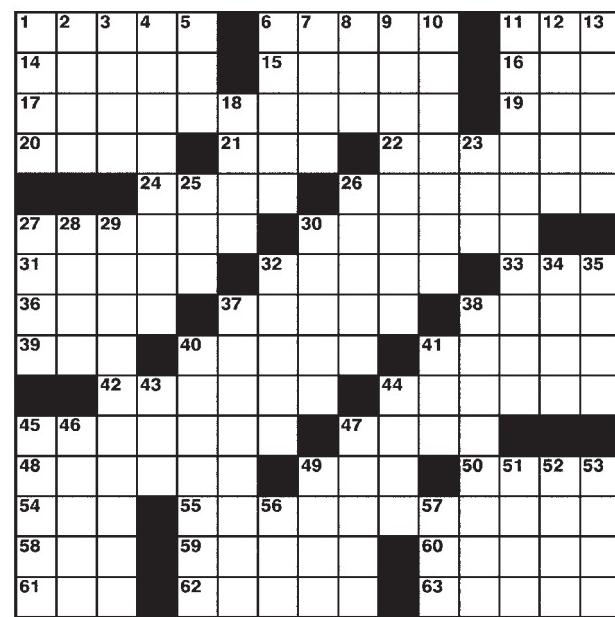
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 17 Testify  
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 20 Sensible  
 21 Go hat-in-hand  
 22 Worthy of a medal  
 24 Practice one's punches  
 26 Income level  
 27 Get down pat  
 30 Work hard on  
 31 Late-blooming flower  
 32 Jockey's handful  
 33 Column crosser  
 36 Nigeria neighbor  
 37 Analyze grammatically  
 38 No longer here  
 39 Quiz whiz Jennings  
 40 Slow on the uptake  
 41 Hostilities ender  
 42 Harbor deepener  
 44 Calmed down  
 45 Wields influence  
 47 Tickled pink  
 48 Chooses to participate  
 49 Brewpub offering  
 50 SALT superpower  
 54 William Tell's canton  
 55 Overeater's risk  
 58 Part of RSVP  
 59 Exhausted  
 60 Sell on the Net  
 61 Plumber's joint  
 62 Public to-do  
 63 Minimal money  
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 1 "Chocolate" dogs  
 2 Think-tank nugget  
 3 Haunted-house sound  
 4 Slapped the cuffs on  
 5 Baste, maybe  
 6 Better suited



- 7 Door-slam sound  
 8 Tell a whopper  
 9 Vote into the Hall of Fame  
 10 Closes back up  
 11 Speckled game-fish  
 12 Spine-chilling  
 13 Right on the nose  
 18 Type of girder  
 23 Victor merger  
 25 Unit-pricing word  
 26 Idaho's capital  
 27 Big name in trucks  
 28 Court legend Arthur  
 29 Complete stop  
 30 Hardly wordy  
 32 Tall and slender  
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 35 Garden intruder  
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 38 Sheepskin recipient  
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 43 Dorm VIPs  
 44 Actor Baldwin  
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## TESTING AMY

### 5 ways Poehler can jump-start new mockumentary sitcom

Things aren't looking good for Amy Poehler's new NBC project.

The pilot for her upcoming "Parks and Recreation" mockumentary sitcom, which many Internet critics have noted looks suspiciously like "The Office," got poor marks from test viewers, according to documents leaked Monday by L.A. Weekly blogger Nikki Finke.

Among the complaints in the posted report: The show is a "carbon copy" of "The Office" and is "predictable." Its lack of a quality male lead leaves little room for "interesting relationship potential."

NBC didn't deny the authenticity of the report when contacted by Entertainment Weekly on Tuesday.

"All of the research we do around initial rough cuts is negative," NBC Entertainment co-chairman Ben Silverman told the mag. "If you had seen the initial research on all of ours and our competitors' successful shows, it tends to be like that."

At any rate, facts are facts: Amy Poehler needs our help. With that in mind, here are five ways she can get us to tune in to her new show, slated for an April 9 premiere.

### CELEB NEWS TICKER

Kid Rock, lead Pussycat Doll Nicole Scherzinger to perform at WrestleMania on April 5, Access Hollywood reports » Kiefer Sutherland back for more "24," according to Entertainment Tonight » Florida authorities re-examining Anna Nicole Smith's death, according to E! News » Court papers show Britney Spears has spent at least \$2.7 million in legal fees over the past 11 months, L.A. Times reports » George Lopez promises an outdoor street-party atmosphere in new late-night talk show » Dennis Quaid, Julianne Moore to star in movie about Bill and Hillary Clinton » E! talk show host Chelsea Handler signs multi-year contract » Rihanna goes on house-hunting tour in Hollywood Hills, E! News reports

- 1** SO THE SHOW'S ABOUT PARKS, RIGHT? Why not make it about space ships? Or exploding cars? Or spaceships that shoot exploding cars through outer space? People would watch that.

- 2** "PARKS" HAS BEEN CRITICIZED FOR LACKING A QUALITY MALE LEAD. Apparently heartthrob Aziz Ansari isn't getting enough screen time.



- 3** HATERS SAY AMY POEHLER REMINDS THEM TOO MUCH OF STEVE CARELL'S CHARACTER ON "THE OFFICE." She could bust out her over-the-top "Baby Mama" persona to change up the character a bit.



- 4** BACK TO THE MALE LEAD THING: Maybe John Krasinski could be brought on board?



- 5** POEHLER IS AT HER BEST, IT SEEMS, WHEN SHE'S LIVE AND UNCENSORED. Maybe "Parks" should be filmed in front of a live studio audience. Except when it takes place in an actual park—because that would be difficult.

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But it's not in Chicago. The casting takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Donald E. Stephens Conference Center & Ballroom, 5555 N. River Rd., in Rosemont, a CW rep told RedEye on Tuesday. Tyra Banks is looking for women under 5-foot-7, the industry's usual minimum height requirement, for the fall season.

For more on the rules, go to [redeyechicago.com/showpatrol](http://redeyechicago.com/showpatrol). Producers should expect a big turnout: In a recent poll by Oxygen Media, nearly 25 percent of women said they'd rather win "ANTM" than the Nobel Peace Prize.



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**Tyra Banks**  
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**Jennifer Hudson**

## Latest 'Idol' drama: Lip-syncing

Even the most rabid "American Idol" fans can agree on one thing: Group performances are the worst.

Now you have another reason to hate them. "Idol" alum Justin Guarini, co-host of TV Guide Network's "Idol Wrap," says the performers lip-sync during the group sings.

E! reported that an "Idol" source confirmed the songs' choruses are prerecorded.

In other news, "Idol" alum Jennifer Hudson is scheduled to tape a performance in front of the studio audience after Wednesday's live broadcast, The Associated Press reports.

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### LiLo's blame game

Hope you're happy, LiLo fans. All you sickos are holding her back. "If people would just leave my personal

life alone ... then I could land a great role, but all the sicko fans and the noise is so distracting," Lindsay Lohan told E! News. All her dreams are possible, she said, "... if people would just stop judging me and accusing me and making me out to be this aloof, spoiled, ungrateful and unprofessional person that I am not and could never be."



**Sutherland**

### More '24'

There's no time! Wait, actually there is. Down-to-the-wire thriller "24" will continue for an eighth season, star Kiefer Sutherland tells

The Associated Press. And it sounds like Jack Bauer is pretty excited: "If I was going to liken '24' to a girlfriend, '24' has been really good to me," Sutherland said. "And I need to be really good back."

### Too complicated?

Buh bye, Denise Richards. The actress—and Charlie Sheen's ex—lost to Playboy bunny Holly Madison in a dance-off Tuesday night on "Dancing with the Stars." Denise said she was sad, but proud of her performance. "I'm a huge fan of the show and I'll continue to be so," she said. According to Entertainment Weekly, an estimated 20.2 million viewers tuned in Monday to watch the competition, helping ABC win the ratings race.

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